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WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBTI

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~~(S)~~ Sentry Communications System

Letter Contract coverage has been furnished the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company to link the Sentry program communications equipment at Vandenberg AFB with Point Arquello, California facilities. The major item of this work is the laying of cable between the two sites. The estimated cost of this procurement is $1,000,000.00.

(U) SM 65-1 Facilities at Vandenberg Air Force Base

LBTI has received Advance Copy of a Purchase Request for procurement of A-E Services to accomplish design changes (approximately 100,000 man hours) to the SM 65-1 Guided Missile Assembly Building No. 2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base. After the work statement has been properly reviewed, it is anticipated CCN will be issued to Contract AF 04(647)-297 to cover the required changes.

(U) WS 107A-1 Communications Associate Contractor

AFBMD Sole Source Justification has been received by LBTI to establish Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company as the Associate Contractor for Communications Systems at all of the operational Atlas launch facilities. Kellogg is presently on contract to design, furnish and install the Atlas Communications Systems at Vandenberg AFB and Warren AFB. It has now been proposed to supplement the Warren contract, to specify Kellogg as an Associate Contractor for planning and engineering (preliminary design) for Warren AFB and all future Atlas sites. As start dates approach for furnishing and installing the hardware at follow-on bases, it is intended to cover each successive base under a separate contract with Kellogg.

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(U) Atlas Missile Display System

A conference was held in the office of Mr. Price, LBP, concerning the problem of contractual coverage of the unique funding arrangement for this contract. Of the several methods proposed, it was decided that a cost-sharing contract would be most appropriate. The cost-sharing factor will be equivalent to $33,212 (the Air Force share, which is 18¢ per each $1.00) divided by $220,712 which represents the total cost of the project. A provision will be written into the contract which states that the Air Force will sustain any overruns and enjoy any underruns. In addition, the contract will have a contingency provision to the effect that if any of the five associate contractors fail to provide their share ($37,500 each) the Air Force will pay share/s not provided. Mr. Price called Mr. Curtis, of Douglas Aircraft Company Contract Department, and secured a verbal agreement on this arrangement.

(U) Missile Valve Test Services

The Technical Evaluation Board for this procurement met on Friday, 20 March 1959, and decided upon the criteria and point system for evaluation purposes. STL is now reviewing the technical proposals and BMC is abstracting the cost proposal. The board meets again Thursday, 26 March 1959, to conduct their evaluation.

(U) Strategic Lunar Study

The Secretarial Findings and Determinations have yet to be received for the three SR 192 contracts. Information from Hq ARDC indicates that the findings may be signed out by the Secretary on 27 March or 30 March 1959. A follow-up TWX has been sent to Hq AMC requesting expedite return of the signed Findings and Determinations.

(U) Titan Ducted Launcher Test Program

A requirement has been received for analytical test reports to evaluate by means of scale test the acoustic, aerodynamic and thermo environments generated by Titan Missile engineers. This will be a sole-source program to Aerojet-General, Azusa. PR 59-BMD-591 has been signed off by BMD and will probably be received in a day or two. Meanwhile, LBTP intends to conduct preliminary negotiations with Aerojet to determine the feasibility of letter contract versus definitive contract and fixed-price contract versus cost-type contract.

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(U) Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

1. Amendment No. 1 to Letter Contract No. AF 04(647)-309 is presently in the possession of the Contractor for signature. This document is for the purpose of obligating additional funds to the contract. No problems are anticipated.

2. Letter Contracts No. AF 04(647)-361 and No. AF 04(647)-369 to cover additional SE/TD effort by STL for ARPA and NASA are being held up pending receipt of work statements and funds by LBTP. Contracts have been written except for the work statements. A concerted effort has been made by the Buyer to expedite said work statements and PR's and both letter contracts should be issued within a week.

3. STL has just about completed submission of all project plans under Contract No. AF 04(647)-309, with subsequent technical approval by BMD. The Technical Plan as submitted by STL was not acceptable to BMD and is presently being revised to reflect the manner in which BMD would like it presented. Said Technical Plan will be returned to STL for resubmission in accordance with changes made. An "in-house" BMC/BMD meeting is being scheduled to reach a decision as to the manner in which STL should be asked to submit a revised cost proposal.

(U) Strategic Interplanetary System

Two offerors have been selected by the Evaluation Board. Negotiations have been completed on one of the proposed contracts and negotiations are expected to be completed on the remaining proposed contract by 30 March 1959. Procurement processing actions are proceeding on schedule and the contracts will be forwarded to the contractors for signature by 7 April 1959.

(U) Mobile Ballistic Missile Study

The Evaluation Board Recorder indicated by telephone on 25 March 1959 that the results of the evaluation would be completed by 27 March. However, the date for finalization of the definitive contract has been pushed up to 22 April at the request of the BMD Project Officer, in lieu of 30 April 1959 as was contemplated. No foreseeable problems exist at this time to prevent finalization of the contract on this date.

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